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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i> | Attorney Docket No. | 4818.P0102US |
| | First Inventor | Gene Ritchey |
| | Title | FREE-STANDING CLEAR-SPAN FRAME |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
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| 1053 130 | 2053 130 | Non - English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
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| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
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| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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